



FACT SHEET

ROHINGYA REFUGEE CRISIS: THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTES OVER \$105 MILLION TO THE 2019 UN JOINT RESPONSE PLAN

DHAKA, March 3, 2019 – Today the United States is contributing \$45.5 million to the UN World Food Program in support of the Rohingya refugee crisis. This is in addition to the \$60 million announced at the 2019 UN Joint Response Plan (JRP) launch in Geneva on February 15. This brings the total U.S. contribution to the 2019 JRP to \$105 million.

The United States is the leading contributor of humanitarian assistance in response to the Rohingya refugee crisis. The U.S. has provided nearly \$500 million since the outbreak of violence in August 2017. Approximately \$450 million is dedicated to programs in Bangladesh for Rohingya refugees and Bangladeshi host communities.

Today's new U.S. contribution will provide life-saving food assistance to Rohingya refugees to augment existing humanitarian interventions including vouchers so refugees can buy food in local markets, monsoon and cyclone preparedness to protect lives, and nutritional support for vulnerable children and pregnant and lactating women.

This additional funding complements ongoing U.S. humanitarian assistance reaching more than one million refugees in Bangladesh, Bangladeshi host communities, and people displaced within Myanmar and the region to provide protection, emergency shelter, food, nutrition, water, sanitation, health care, psychosocial support, and learning opportunities.

U.S. funding targets Bangladeshi communities impacted by this crisis. In Cox's Bazar, U.S. assistance helps improve the lives of Bangladeshis in these communities through programs expanding access to health care and better economic and education opportunities.

U.S. assistance also supports the efforts of humanitarian organizations and the Government of Bangladesh to improve preparedness, infrastructure, and shelter for monsoon and cyclone seasons.

The United States is committed to helping those affected by this crisis. We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of the government and people of Bangladesh for opening their border and hearts to a Rohingya community that has suffered greatly. We call on all nations with the means to contribute to this global humanitarian response.